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(iii) G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district and increasing the rates of land revenue on the major portions of the wet lands in that district by more than one rupee per acre, should be cancelled; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received several representations against the orders issued in the Government Orders mentioned, but have not received the proceedings of the Presidency Ryotwari Conference held on 27th January 1934.

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